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RE: FERC 2100 Re-licensing

Mr. Ramirez,

This letter addresses the Recreation and Socioeconomic Work Group's selection of interim projects and the Alternative Licensing Process (ALP). At the February 28,2001, Plenary Meeting, the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) submitted copies of Oroville Wildlife Area's (OWA) short and long term budgetary needs. At that time we verbally requested that our submittal be considered by the Recreation and Socioeconomic Work Group's Task Force on Interim Projects. However, the DFG's request for budgetary support somehow never showed up for consideration by Task Force on Interim Projects. The operations and maintenance of the OWA has been a concern at all the work groups, especially the Environmental and Recreational groups. The biggest concerns in these groups are public safety, wildlife habitat, cleanliness, and is Fish & Game fulfilling the mitigation and/or mandates of the original license?

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Under a 1968 agreement between the Department of Water Resources and DFG, the OWA was established for the purpose of creating and maintaining a public fish and wildlife management area. In a sense, the OWA was established to mitigate for wildlife habitat lost as a result of the construction of the Oroville Project. To date, funding for the operation and maintenance of the OWA has come entirely from the Fish and Wildlife Preservation Fund (Hunting Licence Fees) and from various state and Federal allocations. However, annual funding now received is only sufficient to cover O&M costs associated with the heavy recreational use. Under existing funding, DFG is unable to manage, create or enhance the wildlife habitat as expected when the OWA was established. Therefore, the DFG respectfully resubmits our request for additional funding or consideration by the Recreation and Socioeconomic Work Group's Task Force on Interim Projects. The request for additional funding (attached) addresses both the short and long term financial needs which we believe are necessary to achieve the wildlife mitigation goals of the OWA.

If you have any questions about the above numbers or the operational mandated and/or goals of the Oroville Wildlife Area, Please contact Mr. Mike Meinz ES III at (916) 358-2853 or Andrew Atkinson area manager OWA at (530) 538-2236.

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Short Term Needs: Personnel: Two Py's Habitat Technician @ 44,996.89 = \$89,993.78 One PY Office Technician @41,172.15 = \$41,172.15One PY Tractor operator laborer @ 47,171.74= \$ 47,171.74 Two Py's Wildlife Protection Officer *** @ 59,905.86= \$119,811.72 Three PY's Temporary time @ 21,262.53= \$63,787.59 Sub Total \$361,936,98 Administrative Overhead (15.3%)of Direct costs \$ 55,376.36 **Total Annual cost for personnel Services** \$417,313.34 One time & Equipment costs Associated With Above Positions Four Pickups *** @25,000= \$100,000 One One ton Service Pickup for TOL @35,000= \$ 35,000 One Wheel Tractor @100,000= \$100,000 One Sixteen foot Fold up disc @24.000 = \$ 24,000 Transport Truck & Trailer @145,000= \$145,000 Forklift @25,000 = \$ 25,000 Sub Total \$429,000 Administrative Overhead (15.3%)of Direct costs \$ 65,637 **Total One time costs for Equipment** \$494,637 Operation, Maintenance, & minor Equipment: Total Approximate cost for O,M,&E needed \$180,000 **Sub Total** \$180,000 Administrative Overhead (15.3%)of Direct costs \$ 27,540 Total Annual cost for OM&E \$207,540 Long term Needs Personnel: One PY Habitat Supervisor II @ 67,255.35= \$ 67,255.35 One PY Habitat Supervisor I @ 55,946.13= \$ 55,946.13 Three Py's Habitat Technician @ 44,996.89 = \$134,990.67 One PY Office Technician @41,172.15 = \$41,172.15TWO PY's Tractor operator laborer @ 47,171.74= \$ 94,343.48 Three Py's Wildlife Protection Officer @ 59,905.86= \$179,717.58 Four PY's Temporary time @ 21,262.53= \$ 85,050.12 One Range A/B Biologist @ 53,681.29= \$ 53,681.29 Sub Total \$712,156.77 Administrative Overhead (15.3%)of Direct costs \$108,959.99

Total Annual cost for personnel Services

\$821,116.76

One time & Equipment costs Associated With Above Positions

Three Pickups	@25.000=	\$ 75,000
One Road grader	@180,000=	\$180,000
One Excavator	@180,000=	\$180,000
One Backhoe four wheel drive	@60,000 =	\$ 60,000
One front end loader	@125,000=	\$125,000
One dozer (cat D5C)	@240,000 =	\$240,000
	Sub Total	\$860,000

Administrative Overhead (15.3%)of Direct costs \$131,580

Total One time costs for Equipment \$991,580

Operation, Maintenance, & minor Equipment:

Total Approximate cost for O,M,&E needed	***		\$378,000
		Sub Total	\$378,000

Administrative Overhead (15.3%)of Direct costs \$ 57,834

Total Annual cost for OM&E \$435,834

Additional needs

ADA Compliant office area & Restrooms Security System for Office & Shops Seed & Chemical Building Ten Wheel Dump Truck and trailer Air Boat & Spray Equipment for Spraying ponds & Waterways

^{***} This number is different from original request due to public's overwhelming concerns for safety and area clean up.